

Why Edison Learning?

Synopsis of Recommended Intervention

- The alumni and community partners involved with Theodore Roosevelt Career and Technical Academy, as highlighted at its community hearing on July 11, 2011, are passionately committed to the school.
- Given the number of mentoring, career preparation, and youth leadership opportunities described at the community hearing, it is clear community involvement is one of Roosevelt's primary strengths.
- However, while attendance and the percentage of students receiving Core 40 or Honors diplomas is commendable, all other student-level performance indicators remain well below the state average.
- Multiple years of on-site evaluations (2009-2010 and 2010-2011) also highlight that while some progress has been made in the establishment of close student-adult relationships (e.g., resource center, teachers' mentoring efforts), all other school-level quality indicators are at unacceptable levels.
- Moreover, certain school-level quality indicators cited as poor after the 2009-2010 review were rated unacceptable after the 2010-2011 review, illustrating the school is not making progress but rather declining in key quality indicators.
- Given the magnitude and persistence of these challenges, it is recommended that Edison Learning be assigned as a Turnaround School Operator for Theodore Roosevelt Career and Technical Academy.
- Edison Learning is the most appropriate Turnaround School Operator for Theodore Roosevelt Career and Technical Academy for a number of reasons.
 - Edison Learning currently operates multiple schools in Chicago, including Chicago International Charter School – Longwood, which ranked fifth out of all non-selective Chicago Public Schools in college enrollment. This proximity will greatly assist in resource-sharing (e.g., professional development, curriculum, teacher mentors).
 - The student demographics of CICS-Longwood are similar to those at Roosevelt.
 - Given its successful track record of community engagement, as demonstrated by parent satisfaction surveys, Edison Learning has a wealth of experience investing and engaging community partners, such as those currently serving the Roosevelt school community.